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Call for articles

SPECIAL ISSUE:

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMON LANDS' MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

We invite submissions for a special issue focused on the critical role of common lands in sustaining ecosystem services essential for human well-being and environmental sustainability. We aim to highlight studies on common lands and the ecosystem services they provide, including those addressing nature's contributions to people.

Common lands, managed collaboratively by communities through strategies like rotational grazing or controlled burning, play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity and enhancing ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration and water regulation. These lands also foster community cohesion by providing spaces for cultural activities, recreation, and ecotourism. Effective management of common lands integrates local knowledge and participatory decision-making, crucial for preserving ecosystem services and ensuring fair resource access.

Given their unique characteristics, common lands provide a valuable scale for assessing ecosystem services, offering insights into the interplay between local management practices and broader ecological and societal benefits. **We invite researchers to submit research or review articles that explore the dynamics of common lands and their role in providing ecosystem services.** Topics of interest include:

- Ecosystem services and benefits provided by common lands under current management practices;
- Traditional European commons management, innovative collective actions and their impact on ecosystem services across various spatial scales—from local to global;
- Ecosystem services as drivers of biodiversity and economy opportunities in common lands.

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Important dates

November 4, 2024: Abstract submission (including title, authors, abstract with max. 800 characters, 7 keywords).

Abstract must be sent to the daniela.ribeiro@zrc-sazu.si.

November 8, 2024: Notification about the acceptance of abstract.

February 3, 2025: Article submission. For more details about the journal and technical requirements, see the [Information for Authors section](#)¹. All submitted articles will undergo the [standard peer-review process](#)².

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